

Appln. No.: 10/789,506
Amendment Dated May 16, 2007
Reply to Office Action of March 29, 2007

RPI-129US

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings are now in formal format. These sheets replace the originally filed sheets.

Attachment

Remarks/Arguments:

The pending claims are 1-18. Claims 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, and 18 have been amended. No new matter is introduced therein.

Even though the Office Action indicates that the drawings filed on February 27, 2004 are accepted, Applicants are herewith submitting formal drawings that eliminate hand written words and numbers. The formal drawings do not contain new matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-9, 13, 15 and 17 have been allowed.

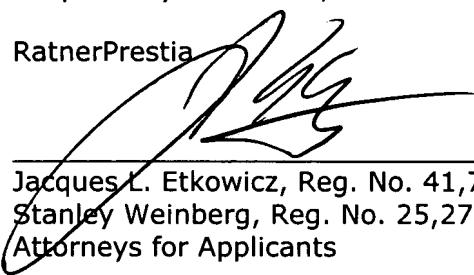
Claims 10-12, 14, 16, and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejections. Accordingly, applicants have now amended these claims, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 11 and 12 have also been amended to correct a typographical error.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance and request an early indication of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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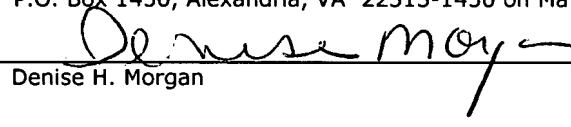
Attachments: 15 sheets of formal drawings

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